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Assignee: Cisco Technology, Inc.  
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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated March 17, 2004, having a shortened statutory period expiring on June 17, 2004. Accompanying this response is a one-month Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for Extension of Time setting a new time for response of July 17, 2004. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.